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Group about more than fundraising

Kayla Sloan

For five years, students and community members have witnessed the fundraising and philanthropy efforts of K-State Proud, an initiative designed to raise money and foster community togetherness.

For those unaware of K-State Proud, or those who think that it is a just a way to show school pride, there is a lot more to the K-State Proud campaign, said Casey Dwyer, senior in mass communications and K-State Proud cochair.

Dwyer said he got involved with the campaign partly because of his older sister.

"My older sister was a co-chair when she was at K-State," Dwyer said. "Seeing the impact that she was able to make through K-State Proud

inspired me to get involved."

Dwyer said he was able to see how the campaign has evolved and grown since the beginning, when his sister was involved. Not only has the financial goal of the campaign increased to this year's \$120,000, but it also has an added component called "Passions for Proud."

Passions for Proud was started by Dwyer, who ran the 2010 Chicago Marathon in honor of K-State Proud. In 2011, Dwyer said eight students traveled to Chicago to make the same run for K-State Proud, raising over \$2,000.

"It has been really rewardng to see someone latch on to your idea and run with it," Dwyer said.



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On The Spot performs with professional improv group

Audience members say high energy, crude jokes made show especially humorous

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Darrington Clark

The K-State Student Union hosted a large crowd on Saturday as students and Manhattan residents attended a performance by On The Spot improv, a student standup comedy group, and guest improv group The Reckoning.

The two improvisational comedy groups worked with each other, performed together and spoke with members of the crowd both during and after their performance.

The Reckoning improv group is a professional comedy group that has been performing for 10 years. They were formed in Chicago in 2001 and have kept every original member of the group. The Reckoning was contacted by On The Spot to come to K-State and perform.

"We connected with

The Reckoning on Twitter," said Chris Littrell, president of On The Spot and senior in political science. 'We'd seen some of their stuff before, and when we contacted them we started talking about doing a show at K-State."

The Reckoning typically performs for small venues and college campuses, so the request was welcomed by the all-male improv group. The Reckoning was happy to come and perform, and members said they were grateful for the warm, excited K-State au-

"K-State was a really good crowd," said Jacob Schneider, member of The



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ABOVE: Members of The Reckoning improv comedy group perform Saturday in the K-State Student Union's Grand Ballroom. As the skit played out, the actors questioned each other's sexuality, 'ate" tacos and became Star Wars characters, much to the audience's amusement.

RIGHT: K-State's improvisational comedy group On The Spot entertains audience members on Saturday night before the Chicago-based group The Reckoning took the stage.

really big space, and their energy filled that big space up."

Many members of the crowd, who were already familiar with On The Spot,

performance. "We come to see On The Spot every show," said Shelby Reiger, freshman in open option. "They're great, and The Reckoning

use some crude humor, and that was kind of awkward

but really funny at the same time." The Reckoning's performance was not limited

Reckoning. "We had a enjoyed The Reckoning's was funny, too. They did to any topic, guideline or matter of their skits often pushed the limits of what many considered to be ap-

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coverage of the hypnosis presentation at Forum Hall.

Athletic director speaks to mentoring program

Kayla Sloan

To celebrate the end of K-State Proud's campaign week, attendees of Saturday's men's basketball game were asked to "white-out" Bramlage Coliseum. One group on campus took this white-out a step further, and encouraged members of its group to wear their white K-State Proud shirts to the women's basketball game that evening.

Guide to Personal Success, part of the K-State First program, is a freshman mentoring program that matches K-State faculty, staff, graduate students and some area alumni with one first-year K-State student. Guides express interest during a "call to action" in early March and prospective students are targeted during K-State's All-University Open House in April.

The group of 35 GPS members and their mentors were invited to attend the women's basketball game and attended a personal question-and-answer session with K-State athletics director John Currie before the game.

Currie spoke to GPS members about details of K-State sports and said that he aims to make continued improvements to the athletics program. He also explained how funding and budgeting for sports works.

"K-State is lucky to have only 16 NCAA sports because the budget doesn't have to be split so many ways," Currie said. "Athletics



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On Saturday evening before the women's basketball game, athletics director John Currie spoke to the GPS freshman mentoring group in the Legends Room in Bramlage Coliseum about his role as AD and how students can enhance the college sports experience.

is working to be more open about how revenue is generated and used."

According to Currie, K-State's student support for athletics is phenomenal, and although the student section seats don't generate as much revenue, Currie said it adds to the K-State

experience. "K-State is unique because of the large amount of student support at games," he said. "More money could be generated if student courtside seats were sold to others, but K-State students being shown on televised games increases donor sup-

Currie said one of his priorities is improving the student athlete experience

to make it more like that of a regular student's in order to give the student athletes more of an all-around col-

lege experience. GPS, which aims to involve first-year students on campus and in the community, conducted the event in an effort to inform and educate freshmen about K-State athletics.

Laura Foote, assistant coordinator for K-State First, said mentor and mentee applications are reviewed and matches are made over the summer.

"We match students with a mentor over the summer so they can have a connection on campus that very

first week," Foote said. The program encourages mentors to provide information outside the realms of academic advising and serve as campus and community resources.

Ernie Perez, manager of instructional technology at the Informational Technology Assistance Center, said he got started with GPS two years ago because he thinks it is important to help students have a great K-State experience like his own. Perez completed both his undergraduate and his graduate degrees in conflict resolution at K-State.

"I met great people during my time at K-State and this is my way to give

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Student shares love of theatre

Jakki Thompson assistant news editor

Students who chose a degree like theatre can typically expect constant competition among the others in the same programs. Nahshon Ruffin, senior in theatre and president of Ebony Theatre, experienced many challenges on her way to performing on different stages on the K-State campus.

Ruffin declared her theatre major her sophomore year at K-State. This was hard for her to decide, she said, because she had only had two drama classes in high school.

Ruffin said she didn't know if she would be able to do theatre at the collegiate level because she seemed so inexperienced compared to the other people she was acting with on stage.

"I used to cry in cast," Ruffin said. "I would cry because I couldn't get cast because they needed certain genders or certain races. I worked as hard as I could while I was a part of certain casts to make sure that I could do my absolute best."

Even as a freshman, Ruffin was involved in campus life, before becoming more and more active in the theatre department, especially Ebony Theatre. She joined the Black Student Union Freshman Action Team, Circle K International and the International Service team. Ruffin has also traveled abroad in Spain.

Despite her involvement in a variety of other activities, Ruffin said her true love is performing on the stage.
"I take a different approach on

theatre," Ruffin said. "I try so hard. While I was in 'Crumbs Under the Table of Joy,' I learned I was cast in 'Hamlet.' I was doing vocal drills with another cast member of 'Hamlet' so I could be sure that I put my everything in my character. Well, I was doing that on top of rehearsal. I work so hard to be sure I am my absolute best on

Ruffin said she has seen many students drop out of theatre or drop out of shows because they think the roles will just be handed to them. She also said the theatre department prepares students for what it will be like in the real

Students who have stuck with the program and have performed with Ruffin spoke highly of her.

"This is the second play I have done with Shon," said Da'Ja Bresette, sophomore in mass communications and theater. "We always do vocal warm-ups together and we like to act silly backstage. We always have a lot of fun together."

Bresette starred in "Crumbs Under the Table of Joy" with Ruffin. Bresette said she couldn't see herself playing the sister of anyone else; she said she and Ruffin have a natural bond that allows them to be incredibly natu-

ral on the stage together. "I loved working with Shon in this play," said Alex Gaines, freshman in theater. "She acts like my mom. She is such a genuinely sweet person who doesn't take herself too seriously. Observing Shon has taught me how to be humble about what I am doing. When Shon performs, it is amazing. She shows so much emotion, truth and honesty in all of her characters. It has been an absolute blessing to be able to work with her. She has taught me what a good cast member should act





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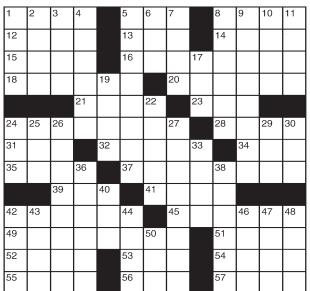
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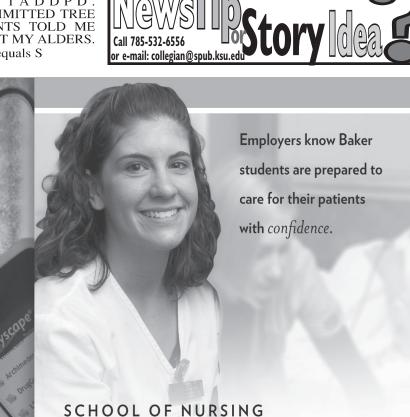


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Samuels, McGruder lead Wildcats to victory on Senior Day

After more than 80 games, senior Victor Ojeleye starts in his first and final game in **Bramlage Coliseum**

Jared Brown

On Saturday afternoon, senior forwards Jamar Samuels and Victor Ojeleye played in their final game at Bramlage Coliseum for the K-State men's basketball team. The two seniors went out in style as the Wildcats handled the Oklahoma State Cowboys

The first half featured back-and-forth play as the two teams exchanged the lead eight times throughout the half. Ojeleye made an immediate impact as he drew a charge on defense and then came down and connected on a jumper within the first two minutes of the game. Oklahoma State senior guard Keiton Page hit four 3-pointers to keep the Cowboys close, but the Wildcats finished the half on an 11-4 run to take a 40-33 lead into halftime.

K-State (21-9, 10-8 Big 12 Conference) came out focused and determined to put Oklahoma State (14-17, 7-11 Big 12) away early in the second half. The Wildcats went on a 24-9 tear to open the half behind the shooting performance of junior guard Rodney McGruder, who finished with a game-high 24 points. K-State also enjoyed key contributions during that run from Samuels, who finished with another doubledouble, scoring 17 points and grabbing 12 rebounds, and junior forward Jordan Henriquez, who finished with 16 points and eight rebounds.

After the run, the Cowboys never recovered and the Wildcats coasted to the

Although Ojeleye has now played in more than 80 games for the Wildcats, Saturday was his first career

"It was just an honor," said Ojeleye on starting for the first time. "I could not think of anything else but just being honored to be able to be out there and just be a part of what we are doing and have a different perspective out there. Whatever you can do to put it into words does not do it justice. I just am very thankful."

For Samuels, the game was all about going out with a memorable performance. His 12 rebounds put him at 708 total rebounds for his career, making him the sixth Wild-



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K-State's two senior men's basketball players, Jamar Samuels, left, and Victor Ojeleye, wave farewell to the Bramlage Coliseum crowd as they are introduced before the start of Saturday's game against Oklahoma State.

cat to eclipse the 700-mark.
"I did not even go to sleep," Samuels said when asked about his emotions the night before the game. "I am running on four or five hours

of sleep right now. But I just

woke up thinking, 'this is my

last game in Bramlage Coli-

seum; I got to go out with a

double-double by Samuels was the 13th of his career.

"I just like the way he plays," said Oklahoma State head coach Travis Ford of Samuels. "He plays extremely

hard. On offense he scores, he does not score off of set plays, but he scores in the offense, offensive rebounds. He gets to the right spot. He can score around the basket as well as a 16-foot jump shot. I like what he brings to the table. I told him after the game, by the way, he leads his team. He does not get a ton of touches or plays ran for him, but he can hurt you in a lot of different ways. ... He is just the type of player you want; he goes about his job, and he does not seem to worry about games when he does not score 17. It just does not seem to bother him."

K-State head coach Frank Martin was pleased with his team's effort in the win against Oklahoma State.

"We have a group of guys that really, really get it, and we have some other guys that who are trying to figure it out," Martin said. "That has been our challenge this year, but we have been a lot more consistent than we used to be. We can grow during the course of the game, which as a coach is what you hope for, that you can make adjustments and they are in tune so they can go out there and actually execute those adjustments rather than looking

like you have got six heads."

Now that the regular season has come to a close, the No. 5 seed Wildcats will look ahead to the Big 12 Tournament at the Sprint Center in Kansas City, Mo., as they take on the No. 4 seed Baylor Bears in the first round on March 8. The game will be broadcast on ESPN2 and tipoff is set for 11:30 a.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Despite last-minute rally, K-State seniors unable to leave with win

Kelly McHugh

On Saturday evening, the K-State women's basketball team hit the court of Bramlage Coliseum for their final home game of the season and came out with a heartbreaking 64-63 loss against the Texas Tech Lady Raiders.

It was the final career game on the home court for seniors Jalana Childs, Branshea Brown, JuliAnne Chisholm, Emma Ostermann and Tasha Dickey. Prior to tipoff, the seniors were honored at center court for their achievements and their time spent as a part of the K-State women's basketball team.

"What a privilege it's been coach our four-year seniors. Jalana Childs and Brandy Brown, first and foremost," said K-State head coach Deb Patterson. "They've been a part of an incredible legacy of success here at Kansas State and we're extremely proud of them and so appreciative of the fact that they have worn and represented Kansas State, worn that Kansas State jersey and have represented us over the course of these last four years?

Despite the loss, Childs came

away with an impressive game as she scored a game-high 22 points, and Brown, finishing with 10 points, had key mo-ments as well that kept the Wildcats hanging on. It was an impressive showing for these two Wildcats in their final game in Bramlage.

Although emotions were high, Childs won the first touch at tipoff, hitting the ball to junior guard Brittany Chambers, and on their first possession, Brown posted the first points of the game.

While the opening minutes were a battle between the team's leads, K-State (18-12, 9-9 Big 12 Conference) quickly overcame the Lady Raiders' (18-12, 6-12 Big 12) defense as they connected with the basket for a first half made up of great scoring from Childs, Dickey and Chambers.

The first half, an offensively defensively top-notch showing for the Wildcats, began to crumble around the sixminute mark as K-State, with a 17-point lead, let the gap slip away. The Texas Tech offense hit almost every shot, and the Wildcats' lead dwindled down to a 6-point gap. At the close of the first half, the Wildcats held a 36-30 lead over the Red Raiders.



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Senior Jalana Childs hugs coach Deb Patterson in an emotional senior game at Bramlage Coliseum Saturday night. The women's basketball team lost to Texas Tech 64-63 in the team's last home game.

At the opening of the second half, the Lady Raiders were able to tie up the game within the first three minutes, and from then, it was a battle of runs be-

tween the two teams. "This was a game of spurts," Patterson said, "and in the beginning of the second half I felt we continued our run of empty possessions offensively. So as Tech got physical, which Big 12

teams are going to do, we sort

of fed off that lack of energy

we were bringing on the offensive end ... You can only hold on so long if your defense goes soft. Our defense today was not

The strong shooting percentage the Wildcats displayed from the field in the first half dropped lower and lower as Texas Tech took as much as a 10-point lead going into the final five minutes.

While the Wildcats came together in the final minutes of the game and were able to catch up with Texas Tech, only trailing by 1 point in the final minute, a series of unfortunate mishaps cost the Wildcats the

In the critical final five minutes, K-State missed three of their eight free throws, and in the final 30 seconds a pass from Dickey to an open Chambers soared out of Chambers' hands and went out of bounds.

Without these mistakes, the game could have ended in a tie or win for the Wildcats.

"Just one adjustment, or if one of those things was different, a free throw was made, the game was tied, overtime," Childs said about the game's final minutes. "But I mean, it was a hard-fought game. We

had it in our hand and we let

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it slip away with ourselves, our mental mishaps."

It came down to a missed free throw here, a missed pass there, and the Wildcats finished their Big 12 Conference schedule in a three-game losing slump.
As for the seniors, despite

the way this season has played out the past few games, they can look back over their careers with fondness.

"It's just been a really fun to get to know all four of those Cats," Childs said about her senior teammates. "We have a good time together. We love each other; we really do support each other. It's been a great year and we're blessed to have Coach P in our lives. She has made everything just perfect for us."

The Wildcats' next game will take place in the Big 12 Tour-nament against the Iowa State Cyclones at 11 a.m. on March 8 in the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo.

"It's extremely disappointing, obviously, for these seniors, to leave Bramlage Coliseum with a defeat," Patterson said, "but what's important for them to remember is there's still a lot of basketball left to be played and they've left a tremendous legacy of success here in their time.

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BASEBALL

Team wins first home series against Pacific

staff writer

After a tough loss Friday afternoon to the University of the Pacific Tigers (2-10) in their home opener 7-2, the K-State baseball team (5-5) won Saturday and Sunday by a combined 21-4.

The Wildcats struggled to find their groove in the game Friday, as senior starter Matt Applegate suffered his second loss on the season and the offense could only score two runs off six hits. Applegate allowed five runs off six hits with four walks and four strikeouts in four innings pitched. He was pulled two batters into the fifth.

Tigers starter Michael Benson held K-State quiet in his seven innings of work, allowing two runs, one earned, off five hits with only one walk and five strikeouts. He combined with John Prato Matthews, who recorded his first save on the season, to



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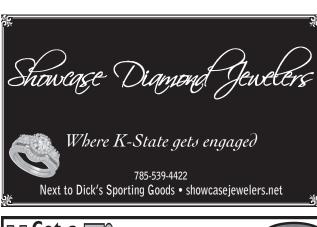
Ross Kivett, sophomore infielder, hits a play during Friday's baseball game against the University of the Pacific at Tointon Family Stadium. The Wildcats lost on Friday but won the three-game series.

shut the Wildcats out over the last six innings of the game.

"Their kid did a great job," head coach Brad Hill said of Benson. "He did what he had to do and only had one walk today. He did a good job of getting us to swing at pitches out of the zone. You have to give him some credit for that."

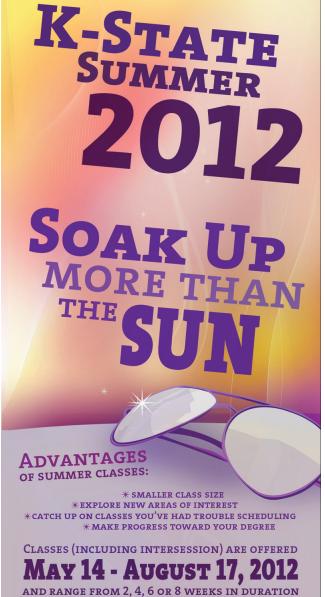
K-State scored on a twoout RBI single by senior Wade Hinkle in the first and struck

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Acknowledging different viewpoints important in political discussion

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Arguments should not turn friends to enemies: 'People take politics too seriously'

Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of

Liberals are like the old saying goes: you can't live with them and you can't live without them.

Although I am Republican, most of the people in my life are registered Democrats. I'm not sure why I do it to myself, because every conversation about politics I engage in with them with ends up making me want to literally pull my hair out strand by strand.

How do I refrain? Well, I don't take anything too seriously or personally.

The first thing that people think when I say that I'm Republican is that I must have absolutely zero sense of humor. I'm always asked what I think of John Steward and

Stephen Colbert, and when I say that I enjoy watching their shows and I think that both

friend at Radina's Coffeehouse and What? A Republican thinks that Roastery for coffee. Now, before I left-wing satirists are funny? get into this story I must start it off Unheard of. Just because I'm not with a disclaimer. This particular occupying Wall Street, buying a friend and I have a pact: no talking about politics because it will ruin hybrid and replacing my roof with solar-powered shingles doesn't our friendship.

She is your typical TOMS Shoes wearing, Bob Marley-loving Liberal. I'm the exact opposite. I wear Sperry Topsiders to class daily and my favorite store is Tiffany & Co.

I'm not sure what possessed me to bring up the state of the nation's economy, but for whatever reason,

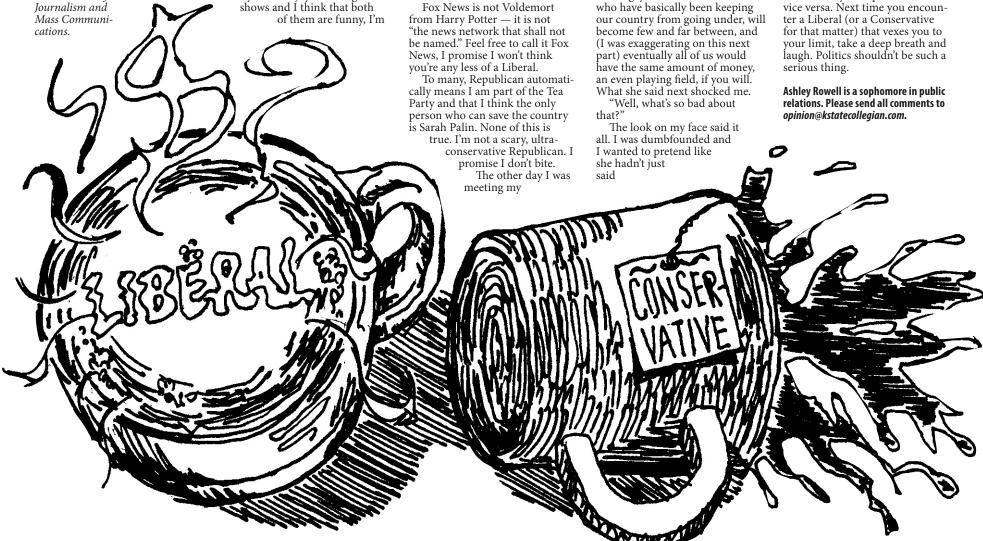
I mentioned how President Obama was raising the tax to 30 percent for everyone who makes over \$1 million. I told my friend I was angry because America's rich, who have basically been keeping (I was exaggerating on this next part) eventually all of us would have the same amount of money, an even playing field, if you will. What she said next shocked me.

what she said to me. I'm not here to say that she's wrong for having her own opinion, because that would be wrong of me.

Everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion. My friend has hers; I have mine. They're differ-

I've been blessed enough to have surrounded myself with quite a few Liberals as close friends. From time to time they make me want to pull my hair out or question if what they just said actually came from their mouth, but it's all in fun. In my opinion, too many people take politics too seriously.

Sure, it's a serious thing, but I don't think it's serious enough for someone to detest another person because they're Republican, or vice versa. Next time you encounyour limit, take a deep breath and laugh. Politics shouldn't be such a serious thing.



Contraception should not be treated as issue of religious liberty



Health coverage plans include contraception to protect employees' medical rights, not restrict employers' religious rights

The Obama administration's move to require religious institutions to include contraception in their health coverage plans has predictably been met with a lot of controversy. Catholic bishops and Orthodox rabbis have been testifying before

Congress claiming that their religious freedoms are being violated.

By trying to fight back with the First Amendment, the religious wing is miss-ing the point of religious For one, this issue only

became controversial in the first place because contraception seems trivial in the range of health issues. I very much doubt we'd even think twice about employers' religious freedom if there were a more serious health issue at hand. For example, how many of

us would support the right of a Jehovah's Witness organization to refuse to cover blood transfusions on their own religious grounds? It's the same principle, but the Jehovah's Witness case seems a lot less justifiable when someone's

life could be on the line. If we can require Jehovah's Witnesses to cover blood transfusions, why couldn't we require Catholics to cover birth control?

Maybe we could say that the former case would violate someone's right to life, a right more important than the Jehovah's Witnesses' religious protection, while lacking birth control wouldn't violate anyone's medical rights at all.

Birth control is hardly trivial, though, since it has other uses in addition to preventing pregnancies. It can also be used to prevent ovarian cysts or regulate a relatively severe menstrual cycle. The stigma linking birth control to sex, or worse, promiscuity, often overrides its other, more serious medical purposes in the public mindset.

Even if birth control were only used for prevent-ing pregnancy, the Catholic Church still doesn't have any grounds for refusing to cover it in health plans. If a person's religious beliefs prevent him from using contraception, he is free to do so in his personal life, but that doesn't give him the right to extend the same restriction to anyone else, especially to people with dif-

ferent religious beliefs. If Catholics were forced by the government to use birth control, they would have a legitimate case of religious freedoms being breached, but they're not forced to use it. They're only being forced to cover it on health plans if others with different religious beliefs choose to use birth

If Catholic employers can deny their employees birth control coverage, people of other faiths (and even moderate and liberal Catholics who reject Humanae Vitae) are subject to a custom from conservative Catholic doctrine, and therein lies the real conflict. The Obama administration's proposal isn't meant to curb employers' religious rights; it's meant to protect employees' medical

If you were a Christian working for a Jewish employer and the company health plan only covered Kosher medication, wouldn't you feel discriminated against if your employer refused to pay for your non-kosher insulin injections or dental implants? The kosher restrictions aren't part of your own religious system, so why should you have to abide them? Because the employer with the purse strings says so?

If certain medications and procedures do have religious conflicts, the decision as to whether religious beliefs permit it should be up to the individual receiving treatment, not to the one who has to pay for it. Someone else's conscience doesn't have the right to govern your body. Freedom of religion doesn't give you carte blanche to make religious rules that others have to follow. It prevents others from making religious rules that you have

to follow.

The Catholic establishment is acting as though the Obama administration has declared war on Catholicism by making them cater to other religious beliefs, which makes me think they've lost sight of what discrimination would really look like.

Illustration by Yosuke Michishita

Christianity has had a strong majority foothold in America for hundreds of years, and at times, this has helped Christianity and Christian institutions through a bit of legal favoritism. Christians often feel as though they're under attack from the government when they lose that benefit. This isn't an example of a religion being degraded from equal treatment down to government discrimination; it's going from favoritism down to equal treatment.

Brian Hampel is a junior in architecture. Please send all comments to opinion@kstatecollegian.com.

ONLINE POLL

This week's question: What is your biggest concern for Fake Patty's Day?

- **1** Wristbands/cover charges at bars
- **2** Being denied entrance due to overcrowding at bars
- **3** Stricter police force
- **4** Not drinking enough

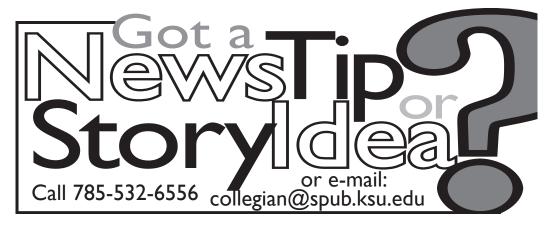
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Last week's question:

Which issues do you think the K-State presidential and vice presidential candidates should focus on in the upcoming election?

- **1** Parking on campus **35.4**%
- 2 SGA spending 35.4%
- **3** Academic advising **13.2**%
- 4 Classroom equipment **16.0**%

Total number of votes: 212



TO THE POINT

Apathy more dangerous than dissent

To the point is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official

We have all heard a heated political discussion in our lives at one point or another. The discussion, which usually starts out in a diplomatic and civil manner, often ends in a heated exchange that contains personal insults, pointed remarks full of sarcasm and an increased skepticism of an opposing viewpoint. Many people who have heard these kinds of discussions are appalled at the bitter hatred and resentment that differences in political philosophies can cause between even the best of friends.

The editorial board would like to encourage these discussions, however, and reminds students that it is this kind of intellectually stimulating discussions that can help people understand their beliefs, values and stances on certain issues.

The healthiest, most productive types of discussion is the sharing of ideas. We believe that a key element to bipartisanship is the collaboration of ideas, and this concept holds true for more than just political dis-

When it comes to politics, people can adopt a variety of different perspectives and ideologies to establish where they stand and what they value. Whether they are Republican, Democrat, Libertarian or followers of any other philosophy, people should remember that they are all on the same team.

The most important thing to remember is that the difference of opinion is not the

biggest issue that we face. In fact, working with people who have different views can help us reconsider or strengthen our beliefs. Being around a group of people who have a diverse set of experiences, values and thought processes can be incredibly eye-opening.

The main enemy, rather, is apathy. It is dangerous to cultivate a culture of complete indifference, and people who are uninformed of their environment often face a shocking reality check when policies or

legislation suddenly affect them negatively.
Students should keep these points in mind, especially heading into this week. With SGA general elections just around the corner, it is important for students to engage in discussion regarding candidates and their platforms in an effort to stay in-

formed of campus leadership. These students will be the leaders of K-State. They will control key initiatives, legislation and funding allocations, decisions in which each and every student has partial

ownership. Be informed, be aware and take the initiative to share thoughts and ideas with others involved in this community.

It is a collective responsibility to be involved in the decision-making process here at K-State. We as students have more power than many of us think, and we owe it to our university and our community to keep the lines of dialogue open and collaborate with each other to promote the continued improvement to this esteemed institution.

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Incredulous laughter bounced around Forum Hall late Friday night as the audience observed their peers, often in disbelief, dance and catwalk on stage, all

under the influence of hypnosis. Tony Ziegler, professional hypnotist from St. Louis, Mo., performed in an event sponsored by UPC After Hours and, like many other in his line of work, used the audience for the

From thinking Ziegler was Elvis Presley with an exposed backside to believing they were jockeys in a horse race, the hypnotized participants kept the audience entertained through their seemingly unconscious and ridiculous behavior.

Hypnosis is simply a state of mind in which a person responds to suggestions more freely than when they are fully conscious, Ziegler said in his opening remarks. The subjects are not asleep while hypnotized nor are they unconscious, but they are in a more relaxed state

Ziegler, who has a bachelor's degree in psychology and a mas-ter's degree in speech communications, has practiced hypnosis for 17 years. Although he lives in St. Louis, he travels all over the country, performing for universities, high schools and clubs.

Friday night, while striding around on the stage in front, Ziegler spoke into the microphone while inducing hypnosis

in the students seated in a row just behind him.

A few of the participants ended up so relaxed they nearly fell out of their chairs before being given suggestions that led them to believe they were actually performers like Katy Perry on an episode of the fictitious "Celebrity American Idol," or competitors in the new season of, "So You Think You Can Dance?"

Mercedes Santiago, audience member, reported after the show that she remembered some things about what she did on

stage, particularly the dancing. "I know I danced," Santiago

said. "But I'm not sure on other parts."

Audience members expressed their enjoyment of the evening's antics through regular bouts of laughter, often exchanging looks of incredulity as they watched their friends behave in an outof-the-ordinary fashion on stage.

"I think it was more funny watching your friend," said Sarah Huyett, freshman in social work.

"I was laughing the whole time."

Ziegler made sure to interject a note of caution into his performance, warning at the beginning that hypnosis should only come at the hands of a professional and in a controlled setting and at the end. He stipulated to the stillhypnotized students that once they leave the his presence, the hypnosis will no longer have an effect on them.

This is not the first time a hypnotist has come to K-State. The Office of Student Activities and Services hosted a comedy hypnotist last August, and UPC has sponsored about one every year since around 2001.

"This group was great," said Ziegler after the performance. "They were really responsive, and the audience was fun too. They really got into it."

BASEBALL Team gains momentum

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again in the third on a two-out error, but couldn't capitalize after that.

Pacific was led offensively by Allen Riley, who went 3-5 with two RBI, including a solo home run in the first inning. Brett Christopher added another homer in the third and had two

hits, along with Dustin Torchio. "We just had a real hard time relaxing," Hill said. "We played like it was the first game of the year. There were a lot of tight swings. We just didn't settle down, relax and play well today."

On Saturday, the Wildcats relaxed more and settled into the game, and they reaped the benefits with a 12-1 victory to even the series. Sophomore center fielder Jared King led the offensive explosion, going 3-4 with three RBI, two of which came on his first homer of the year in the fifth inning. The game was King's sixth multi-hit game of the season.

"We're just trying to get guys to not press so much, and it helps when you get on top early," Hill said. "I thought our offensive approach was better. We had patience when we needed patience."

Junior starter Joe Flattery (2-1) nabbed his second win in three tries, going five innings, allowing one run off five hits with no walks and four strikeouts. The junior college transfer was followed by three pitchers who combined to black the Tigers over the last four innings: freshmen Matt Wivinis and Caleb Wallingford and junior Tanner Witt, who started the game in left field. It was Witt's first appearance as a pitcher for the Wildcats.

Pacific starter John Haberman (0-1) lasted 2.1 innings and gave up five runs off three hits, taking the loss. Haberman allowed another seven runners, walking five and hitting two.

In the rubber match on Sunday, K-State won again 9-3 to win the series and boost them to a .500 record. Senior starter Kayvon Bahramzadeh pitched six solid innings, allowing one run off four hits with no walks and a career-high eight strikeouts.

The Wildcats jumped on the Tigers early, scoring nine runs in the first four innings, in-



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Matt Applegate, senior right-handed pitcher, pitches the ball to a University of the Pacific player during Friday's game at Tointon

cluding a five-run first. On the mound, Bahramzadeh (2-0) delivered another quality start to keep Pacific quiet.

Senior first baseman Wade Hinkle tied a career high with

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> **Brad Hill** K-State baseball head coach

three hits and drove in two runs. Hinkle finished the game 3-3 with a walk and was hit by a pitch. He has reached base in all 10 of the Wildcats' games and is currently on a five-game hitting

"It's day-to-day in baseball, so I hope we use this as momentum," said head coach Brad Hill. "How we carried ourselves was a lot different the last two days because we were really tight and pressed the first game. When you stop worrying about making mistakes, it's amazing how few mistakes you start

making."

The Wildcats came out hot in the first inning, scoring five runs off Pacific starter Kyle Crawford, who was pulled two outs into the game. King drove in the first run of the game with a single, and Witt scored on an error by Pacific shortly after. Hinkle's RBI single to left scored King, and he came around to score himself on a triple by Mike Kindel. Dan Klein drove Kindel in for the fifth run of the inning with a sac fly to right field.

K-State will travel to Lincoln, Neb. Tuesday to play the first of three games this season against Nebraska. First pitch will be at 2:05 p.m. and can be heard on SportsRadio 1350 KMAN or online at 1350kman.com.

IMPROV Crowd plays role in show

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propriate. The crowd, however, seemed to enjoy the humor just as much as On The Spot, and supported The Reckoning with several impromptu rounds of applause.

"You don't see college performances like that often," said Kaitlynn Jones, freshman in fine arts. "It was a breath of fresh air to see the more crude humor."

Celebrating their 10-year anniversary as an improv troupe, The Reckoning was excited to give K-State the best show they could.

"We've been performing since 2002," Schneider said. "We got along and made it work. Since then, we've supported each other throughout all of our successes. We've always been confident, and that helps us with our focus and trust for what we do."

Schneider said he was thankful for the sincere and enthusiastic crowd.

"We've had dry crowds before, of course," Schneider said. "But that's a part of the challenge and reward of doing improv. You never know what

it's going to be like."

The audience played a large part in the groups' performances. Suggestions from

the crowd began the improv performances, ranging from "Star Wars" to "gay lovers." Both Reiger and Jones felt that the crowd positively affected the performance, and they both enjoyed watching On The Spot and The Reck-

oning perform.

"We were in a very energetic crowd," Jones said. When they came off-stage, it felt like we were a part of the actual show."

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The Reckoning came to Manhattan not only to perform, but also to teach. On The Spot arranged for The Reckoning to host improvisational comedy workshops.

"We had two workshops today," Littrell said. "One happened in the morning and was open to all students, and the other was later in the afternoon specifically for On The Spot. These guys are The Reckoning has provided similar workshops and taught for students since its creation. The Reckoning is group created by Charna Halpern, co-founder and director of iO Theater, an improv theater company based in Chicago.

Halpern worked very closely with Del Close, in-fluential improv teacher and performer who mentored many famous comedians and co-founded of the iO Theater and, who was a native of Manhattan.

"It's great to be performing in the town of the great improv-er Del Close," Schneider said. "[Sunday was] the exact date of his death. He was like a movie star for the improv world. Every summer, in New York there is an improv festival in his honor. And here we are, here in Manhattan, performing at this exact time. There's something special about that."

The audience members said they enjoyed the performance of On The Spot and The Reckoning, and Littrell said that he was grateful that the entire experience was able to come to fruition.

"I'm glad we were able to make it work," Littrell said. "Tonight was great, it was everything I had hoped for."

GPS Program connects students

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back," Perez said.

Perez has found that his job with technology has come in handy when trying to connect with his student mentee, Felipe Toro, freshman in arts and sciences open option.

"I'm all about texting, which is helpful because it's the easiest way to get a hold of Felipe," Perez said. "You have to connect with students in the mode they are most willing to use."

Toro said he chose to move to Manhattan from his hometown in New Jersey because of the people-friendly atmosphere at K-State.

"Things are slower here,"

Toro said. "People want to know you, they are helpful and the atmosphere is really one of family."

His involvement with GPS began because of his mother. Toro said he was unsure of how to react when his mother told him she had enrolled him in GPS. Now, Toro said he is glad he decided to go ahead with the program.

"It great having someone to talk to, who has connections on campus and around town," Toro said.

He and Perez often discuss Toro's future plans, including his ultimate goal to become a

chef and own a restaurant.

"We talk about classes, future plans, working during school and his dream of becoming a chef," Perez said. "We talk about how to accomplish this dream here in

Perez is working to connect Toro with a local chef to learn more about the profes-Toro said he and Perez

have already met about four times this semester on their own, and they also attend group events 'like women's basketball games.
Overall, Toro said his ex-

perience with this program has been positive.

"This is a great program, more students should get involved in it," he said.

Anyone interested in applying to participate in GPS can visit *k-state.edu/gps*.



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